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Applicant: Kenneth E. DeLine  
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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This response and request for reconsideration addresses each concern raised in the official communication mailed November 1, 2004. In that communication the examiner raised Section 102 concerns with respect to claims 69-71, 73-81, 82/80, 84 and 85, and Section 112 concerns with respect claims 71, 72 and 76-78. Claims 72 was found allowable subject to overcoming the Section 112 rejection and claims 82/81 and 83 were found allowable subject to being rewritten in independent form.